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The sign translates: Don't open till Christmas.

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It may have been the Greeks who had a word for everything, but the Swedes have an answer. And the answer to the cigaret-cancer scare is an all-tobacco, filter-tipped cigaret. The filter is for the smokers who fear cancer from the tobacco; the special wrapping made of powdered tobacco is for those who think the paper causes cancer. (And we understand that cowboys these days can still roll their own, but have trouble inserting the filters!)

The Swedes also disclose, somewhat belatedly, that during World War II they developed their own secret weapon: Seals with war-heads.

The idea was beautiful in its simplicity. The young seals would be caught, trained, armed with explosives, and sent off to hunt down enemy subs. At the request of the Swedish Navy, Stockholm's Royal Institute of Animal Medicine experimented with ways of attaching depth charges to the slippery animals. They finally developed a special "explosives harness" which worked.

Then the Navy trained the seals to chase submarines by tying bunches of herring to the undersides of craft, and sending the seals in hot pursuit. And straight as an arrow they flew to the target.

With success almost in view, however, an insurmountable obstacle appeared: No amount of training would induce the seals

to nuzzle a sub which was not suitably garnished with herring.

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In Richmond, Ind., a few days ago, a man walked into a self-service laundry, put a dime in a washing machine and began to disrobe. Understandably, this unnerved the matrons doing the family wash, and one of them called the police. In short order, a cop appeared and found the man, sporting a flashy pair of swimming trunks, placidly waiting for his clothes to dry.

Questioned by the policeman, the man said it was all very simple: he was hitch-hiking from California to Baltimore, and had just stopped to wash his clothes, and why all the excitement?

Police decided he wasn't violating any law and sent him on his way.

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A while back, a retiring U S mailman announced he had been bitten by dogs ten times during his career. This bit of news eventually arrived in Rio de Janeiro and was relayed to the postmaster, who was not impressed. "Some of our rural carriers," he commented, "are often bitten by jaguars." When this story returned, we decided to check with our own mail-carrier, who has been on the job only a year. In that time, he confides, he has been bitten by two dogs, one child, and three Siamese cats.

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you on that?



[1] Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, in farewell tv and radio speech before his 22,000 mi trip to 11 countries: "In every country I hope to make widely known America's deepest desire—a world in which all nat'ns may prosper in freedom, justice and peace, unmolested and unafraid."

... [2] ADLAI STEVENSON, former Democratic candidate for the Presidency, taking a dig at Eisenhower's tour abroad: "I think it would be a great mistake if we converted the office of the pres ... into a traveling salesman." ... [3] Pope JOHN XXIII, commenting on the "happy and encouraging coincidence" that he and Pres Eisenhower's son have the same name: "The name John, which in its Biblical significance means 'gift of God,' expresses in fact confidence, joy and serene robustness." ... [4] Major JOHN EISENHOWER, about his father's accommodation in the Quirinal Palace in Rome: "This is living." ...

[5] J EDGAR HOOVER, director, FBI, urging police not to show any "holiday good will" to careless drivers at Christmas: "Nothing is so dreadful as the cold statistics which show that at Christmas time—when joy should reign 2nd only to reverence—traffic accidents kill, injure and maim more persons than during any other holiday period." ...

[6] Bishop ARTHUR LICHTENBERGER, presiding head of the Episcopal Church, arguing that the gov't has every right to embark on a birth control program for other nat'ns:

"If the gov't of our country is legitimately concerned with the health and welfare of people in other countries, then

birth control information is its legitimate concern." ... [7] Rev EDWIN T DAHLBERG, head of Nat'l Council of Churches, taking the opposite position: "It would be my judgment that such (birth control) information should be handled by private agencies and philanthropic foundations rather than by our gov't." ... [8] ROBT C RUARK, journalist, novelist and world traveler, on French aspirations toward the A-bomb: "It seems to me to be a mistake to allow the French to have an A-bomb to play with in the Sahara, for if I know anything of the French they will manage to blow up the world with this toy."

... [9] Gen ALFRED M GRUENTHER, former NATO cmdr in Europe, now pres of the American Red Cross, addressing annual Congress of American Industry: "Military force will not guarantee security. Our real task is to project before the world the correct image of the U S." ... [10] Mrs NIKITA S KHRUSHCHEV, about her trip to the U S: "They had a completely false impression about Soviet statesmen. They thought they have no wives and spent their entire lives in the Kremlin."

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'He who never quotes, is never quoted'

Charles Haddon Spurgeon



AFRICA—1

At one time the African people would gladly have accepted any sincere offer of full partnership at some future date. Now, however, unless such an offer is implemented immediately, the moving black will solidify. The temper of the times is to refuse any sugar-coated pill of promise, to examine cautiously any proffered hand of friendship, to reject any olive branch. Even in the more backward areas, the ideal of multi-racial partnership is already losing its appeal for many Africans. . . They have lost faith in the promises of European individuals as well as in the collective promises made by European gov'ts which exercise control over them.—Bishop RALPH E DODGE, *African Christian Advocate*.



APTITUDE—2

The young man had completed a series of aptitude tests and was asking about the results. "It's confusing, isn't it?" he said. "I seem to have an aptitude for so many things."

The advisor said curtly: "The results of your test indicate that your best opportunity lies anywhere your father holds an influential position."—MORRIS VASSAR, *Coronet*.

AUTOMOBILES—3

The auto is a device that hasn't completely replaced the horse. We haven't yet seen a bronze statue of a man sitting under a steering wheel. — *Illinois Educational Press Bulletin*.

BEAUTY—4

Functionalism in architecture must not serve as an excuse for

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ugliness. If we do not live in beauty, surrounded by beauty, we shall lose the idea of beauty and with it the idea of goodness. — FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, quoted in *New Outlook*.

BEHAVIOR—5

When a reformed African headhunter recently was asked why his people used to take heads, he gave 4 reasons. They were to impress other men with your bravery, because everybody else did it and it precipitated much merriment, to get ahead of others by being awarded the best seats at feasts, and to impress the girls. Altho this primitive didn't know it, he had neatly summarized the reasons for most of the trouble in the world today.—*Jacksonville Times-Union*.

CHARACTER—6

With due regard for PhD's, what we need very badly in this country are more ChD's. By use of this term I mean Drs of Character. While not everyone can be a PhD, it is possible for everyone to be a ChD. . . I am appalled at the growing body of evidence that clearly shows the moral disintegration, lack of intestinal fortitude, absence of self-discipline, and ignorance of the true values of life.—Lt Gen ARTHUR G TRUDEAU, chief of Army Research, *Newsweek*.

CHRISTMAS—7

To enjoy Christmas truly a person must throw himself fully into the spirit of Christmas, letting it carry him along in its joyous current of good will.—LOWELL FILLMORE, "Foundation Stones," *Progress*, Unity School of Christianity, 12-'59.

CHRISTMAS—8

Authorities agree that it is never Christmas itself that depresses us; it is our attitude toward it. Accentuate the positive, they say, and the negative will eliminate itself. This doesn't mean merely looking for silver linings. It means adopting a philosophical, relaxed outlook, retaining a reverence for the esthetic and spiritual side of the holidays while acquiring a healthy irreverence for the materialistic side, for what we may somehow imagine is demanded of us. It means, above all, remembering what Christmas really is. A time for singing carols, for attending church services, for gathering with loved ones, for practicing the fellowship and good will that is so often glibly preached.—WM COLE, "What Breaks a Woman's Christmas Spirit?" *Everywoman's Family Circle*, 12-'59.

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The miracle of Christmas lies in its unrivaled power to probe past our senses and pierce the tough crust of workaday events and concerns that shut us in. Deep inside it kindles the faith we live by and sparks again a resolve to make a better job of living. We struggle with forces that are huge these days, but the best hope to build an ampler home for man's free spirit still lies in his striving toward the Tallest Star.—*Business Wk*.

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The shortest night of the yr is Christmas Eve from sundown to son-up. — BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

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By Les & Liz
Carpenter



Many a Congressional mouth was washed before it was discovered that somebody had recently dropped a bar of soap into the coffee-making machine in the Old House Office Bldg snack bar. It was an accident—and there won't be any Congressional investigation.

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With payola in the headlines, a new word has been coined for Congressional nepotism. On Capitol Hill, it's called "payroll."

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Altho voting day is almost a yr off, 6 U S House mbrs have already announced they won't run again in 1960. The group: Reps Leo Allen (R-Ill), Carl Durham (D-N C), John E Henderson (R-Ohio), A D Baumhart, Jr (R-Ohio), Eugene Siler (D-Ky) and Henry A Dixon (R-Utah).

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This letter came to Rep Walter Rogers (D-Tex): "Dear sir could you tell me where I could get a Book on airs as my Father left quiet estate and wood like to find it if you can please let me know. Thanks." Quipped Rogers: "Don't ask me; I'm up in the heir."

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One of the signs of the times is that parking spaces around the Capitol have been repainted—and each made 2½ ft longer than before.

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CHRISTMAS—9

Holly was 1st used in English windows to indicate Christian worship, as the red berries were supposed to represent the blood of Jesus. The Holly was believed to keep evil spirits away.

Mistletoe was sacred in many ancient religions. The Druids of England cut it with a golden knife and hung it over their doors, believing that only happiness could pass under the branch. They also used it in their marriage ceremonies, originating the custom of kissing under the mistletoe. — *Service for Company Publications.*

COMPASSION—10

When Danny Kaye was traveling around the world on behalf of the UN Internat'l Children's Emergency Fund, he got into conversation with another passenger aboard his plane. The other man didn't see much point in UNICEF. "After all," he objected, "isn't the disease of the Near East—malaria, tb, starvation—nature's way of taking care of overpopulation? I don't mean to sound cruel, but—"

"That's a very logical argument," Danny Kaye repl'd. "Why don't you put it to the test the next time your own child gets sick?"—KURT SINGER, *The Danny Kaye Story* (Thomas Nelson).

CONTENTMENT—11

Contentment comes not so much from great wealth as from few wants.—*Moody Monthly.*

CYNICISM—12

A cynic is just a man who found out when he was about 10 that there wasn't any Santa Claus, and he's still upset.—JAS GOULD COZENS, author, quoted in *Partners.*



mining the magazines

Buck Rogers never wastes his valuable time chewing his way thru meals, comments *Advertiser's Digest*. Those 25th century chefs have a way of compressing steak and fixings into bite-size capsules. *Chain Store Age*, Drug Editions, tells about a 20th century version of the concentrated meal. Katz & Besthoff, in New Orleans, features a Lunch'n'Vitamins special at its soda fountain: Hamburger, beverage and vitamin tablet for 49c.

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This has no counterpart, so far as we know, in the U S, but in Europe a popular idea is for a woman's mag to sponsor a club in almost every town. For example, *Ihre Freundin (Your Friend)*, a German bi-wkly published in Karlsruhe, sponsors clubs in Germany, Austria, etc, lists women in each community who may be contacted. The list appears in every issue. Articles on the subject indicate that it's fine for newcomers, draws out would-be stay-at-homes, has branches similar to our toms, card clubs, cooking schools, other similar-interest mtgs, study groups. Teenage mags operate in much the same manner.

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Don't be unreasonably alarmed by tales of shortage of openings for college students. *Changing Times* has just completed its 2nd annual survey of openings for students in accredited 4-yr colleges. Dec issue gives a brief summary of the re-

Joan Churchill telephoned Sears, Roebuck to ask if they had any Franklin stoves. The reply: "No, we only carry Kenmore." — JEROME BEATTY, Jr, *Saturday Review*.

sults:

There was room this autumn for over 36,500 additional freshmen on 260 campuses. About 24 per cent of the openings were for resident students, the rest for day students.

In Jan, there will be space for about 46,300 freshmen in 274 colleges.

The typical annual expenses for a student living at school will run between \$1,300 and \$1,600, and for a day student between \$500 and \$700.

A list of the colleges with additional space is available for 25c from *Changing Times Reprint Service*, 1729 H St, N W, Washington 6, D C.

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Adolescents often complain that only the 3 per cent of their age group who are delinquent get any publicity. *Newsweek* (11-23-'59) gives the "good" teen-agers their day in the sun with a report on the 97 per cent who are growing, pleasantly, into tomorrow's adults. These have every right to be proud of themselves; they are, indeed, the hope of the future.

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DEBT—13

Personal debt of Americans has been climbing more than twice as fast as their disposable income, according to a recent survey. The pollsters found that individual indebtedness on such things as home mortgages, autos and appliances now totals more than \$172 billion, an increase of 160% since 1950. But personal income after taxes during that same period has risen by only 61%.—*Forbes*.

DIVORCE—14

Divorce is hash made of domestic scraps. — PHIL MANN, *York Trade Compositor*, York Composition Co.

DISCIPLINE—15

It is at the point of discipline in the home that confusion and dissatisfaction among (845 Presbyterian parents recently surveyed) is most apparent. No longer is there certainty about what is a "good parent," or a "good child." The battle of wills is no stranger to our homes; but parents are anything but confident about their own behavior when struggle arises. They report that they are often torn between "giving in" and falling back guiltily upon the sterner methods of their own parents. . . One gets the impression that parents are cowed by their offspring and seek earnestly to win their good will and acceptance. One . . . complains wearily, "They start on small things, and when they get to be teenagers, you can't control them." —ROY W FAIRCHILD & J C WYNN, "The Dilemmas of Parents," *Presbyterian Life*, 11-1-'59.

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DRINK—Drinking—16

Alcoholics are being produced in the U S at the rate of more than 1200 a day.—Dr ANDREW C IVY, of the Univ of Illinois, addressing Inst of Scientific Studies, Washington, D C.

Quote scrap book

There were earlier "railroads" in the U S, but passenger travel began with the Baltimore and Ohio Ry Jan 7, 1830. And from this feeble beginning, the railroad became rapidly a major force in the development of the country. Only 21 yrs after the B & O's horse drawn "train" covered its 14 mi's of track, NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE wrote, in The House of the Seven Gables:

These railroads — could but the whistle be made musical, and the rumble and the jar got rid of—are positively the greatest blessing that the ages have wrought out for us. They give us wings; they annihilate the toil and dust of pilgrimage; they spiritualize travel!

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EDUCATION—17

If one were to write the history of education in America since the turn of the century it could be done by answering the questions Americans have asked about education each decade. The questions have been:

Up to 1900—Why should we learn?
by 1910—What is there to know?
by 1920—What do you know?

by 1930—What can you do?

by 1940—What can you do with what you know?

by 1950—Why do you do as you do?

by 1960—How can we learn to compete successfully between cultures without war?—ERNEST R BRITTON, *Bobs and Bubbles*, hm, office of supt of schools, Midland, Mich.

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The overwhelming challenge of our time is instilling into our children the idealism of great objectives, strength of character to have great convictions and the ability to get great meanings from the events of the past and to apply them to our daily lives. This is indeed a herculean task . . . one for parents and other leaders of thought in every community.—ERIC W RODGERS, editor, *Scotland Neck* (N C) *Commonwealth*.

EDUCATION—Purpose—18

In a primary sense, the overall mission of education in this and every other historical era is not only the perpetuation of truth, it is the continuous liquidation of presumptions. And we shall extricate ourselves from the present precarious situation only if we have the integrity of mind to penetrate our own hypocrisy and pretension as well as that of enemies.—LLOYD P WILLIAMS, *Peabody Jnl of Education*.

EMPLOYER—Employee—19

Wise is the executive who can eliminate "ought" from his thinking about staff performance . . . unusually wise, the one who takes extra time and trouble to get a staff to "want" to do something.—NORMAN G SHIDLE, editorial, *Society of Automotive Engineers Jnl*.

FREEDOM—of Religion—20

There is an episode in *The Ugly American* in which a Roman Catholic missionary priest asks a group of Burmese what is "the big thing" they want. One Christian repl'd, "We want a country where any man can worship any god he wishes, where he can live the way his heart says. That, I think, is the final big thing." He was expressing the yearning for true religious freedom, which is still, after many centuries of civilization, one of the rarest privileges which mankind enjoys. — WM N WYSHAM, "The Freedom to Worship God," *Presbyterian Life*, 11-1-'59.

GOD—and Man—21

To us the thought of shepherds watching their flocks is romantic and as far removed from life as a picture on a Christmas card. But the shepherds were just men going about their daily work. Ordinary people doing their duties faithfully are more likely to learn the secrets of God than monks secluded in artificially restricted quarters. To these men came God's sudden revelation. Christianity is not man's search for God but God's good news to man; not the elevation of man but the revelation of God.—DONALD T KAUFFMAN, *Gist of the Lesson* (Fleming H Revell).

HAPPINESS—22

Happiness consists in activity. It is a running stream, not a stagnant pool.—JOHN MASON GOOD, *Indiana Teacher*.

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**"On the Twelfth Day
of Christmas . . ."**

Epiphany, or Twelfth Day (Jan 6), sometimes called Old Christmas, marks the end of the festival season. Some legends state that it commemorates the appearance of the Star to the Magi, others their arrival at Bethlehem.

The earliest reference to it was made in the second century by Clement of Alexandria, Egypt, who noted that Christians celebrated the baptism of Jesus on that day.

Originally a purely religious festival, the date was set by the Christian leaders to conform to the dates of pagan festivals celebrating the worship of Aeon and the Winter Solstice. This was the means used by the priests to wean the pagans to Christianity.

In time the religious tone became less marked, but the Magi were always remembered. In England down to the time of the Georges, the Kings always attended church, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Later it became merely a last fling of the Christmas festival, resembling Christmas Day and New Year's Day. In the English Universities this took the form of a Bean Cake Festival. A large and beautiful cake containing a bean was cut, and whoever found the bean, was chosen Bean King.

The final flourish was the was-

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sailing of the tree, after which it and all the Christmas greens were burned. Now in our country this custom is almost universally observed. In some cities great municipal bonfires of Christmas Trees in parks commemorate Twelfth Night.

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HEALTH—Mental—23

Mental illness can be prevented if those who are normal are able to remain normal. The personal element in mental illness — the compulsive thirst for higher status and the like—cannot be denied. . . . Men must learn to accept themselves and to live with themselves no matter how crazy their world may seem to be.—HERBERT H STRAUP, "Keeping Sane in a Crazy World," *Christian Century*.

HUMAN RELATIONS—24

The most virulent poison created by industrial society is excessive loneliness. Our way of life uproots people, carrying them upward or downward in the struggle for success. Human bonds are pulverized. Those who cling to family ties are soon left behind in the economic struggle. Those who press forward find themselves cut off from friends and assoc's. We are the uprooted. We are the producers of things and the servants of machines. We live with things, ideas and prices. We rarely have time to live with people.—GIBSON WINTER, *Love & Conflict: New Patterns in Family Life* (Doubleday).

INFLATION—25

No civilized country in the world has ever voluntarily adopted the extreme philosophies of either fascism or communism, unless the middle class was 1st liquidated by inflation.—H W PRENTIS, Jr, quoted in *Partners*.

....pathways to the past.....



Universal Wk of Prayer

'Jan 3—25 yrs ago (1935) 90 per cent of the people living in the Saar voted for reunion with Germany. The area had been detached from Germany since World War I.

Jan 4—175th anniv (1785) b of Jakob Grimm, German philologist, who with his brother Wilhelm collected the folk tales popularly known as *Grimm's Fairy Tales*. . . Dr Wm W Grant, Davenport, Ia, performed the 1st operation for removal of a diseased appendix 75 yrs ago (1885). The patient recovered.

Jan 5—*Twelfth Night*. . . 55 yrs ago (1905) Americans were humming "Meet Me in St Louis, Louis," written by Andrew Sterling and Kerry Mills to commemorate the St Louis Exposition which opened 9 mo's earlier. . . Mrs Nellie Tayloe Ross became the 1st woman gov'r of a state 35 yrs ago (1925) when she was sworn in as Gov'r of Wyoming.

Jan 6—*Epiphany* (see GEM BOX). . . 35 yrs ago (1925) Paavo Nurmi, the "Flying Ghost of Finland," smashed 2 world's records at the Finnish-American track matches at Madison Sq Garden. Among other events, he proved that 2 mi's could be run in less than 9 min's.

Jan 7—160th anniv (1800) b of Millard Fillmore, 13th Pres of the

U S. . . 130 yrs ago (1830) commercial ry service in the U S got underway as a horse drawn carriage rolled out of Baltimore on the Baltimore and Ohio's 1st stretch of completed track, 14 mi's long. . . 40 yrs ago (1920) Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, World War I's notorious "draft dodger," was apprehended and arrested in Philadelphia, where he was found hiding under a window seat in his family's home.

Jan 8—145th anniv (1815) of the Battle of New Orleans. The battle, fought 2 wks after the war had actually ended, made Andrew Jackson the one real hero of the War of 1812. . . Felix Mendelssohn's "Hear My Prayer" was 1st sung publicly 115 yrs ago (1845) in London's Crosby Hall. . . 35 yrs ago (1925) Russian composer Igor Stravinsky conducted the N Y Philharmonic in a program of his compositions, his 1st public appearance in America.

Jan 9—90th anniv (1870) b of Jos Baermann Strauss, American engineer, chief bldr of the Golden Gate Bridge. . . 15 yrs ago (1945) Gen Douglas MacArthur made good his promise, "I shall return," as 68,000 American soldiers invaded Luzon in the Philippines.

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INDIVIDUALITY—26

If you will observe the people in any age group or financial bracket, or any social class you will, with few exceptions, find them disturbingly alike. The human mind and heart and soul are capable of infinite variety, but so often the exciting stamp of individualism is missing. . . . If our hearts and minds are really to touch life and leave their imprint on it, we must not lose our individuality in the natural tendency to mimic others. We must bring a little bit of ourselves to everyday existence if we are to enrich the lives of others, and discover for ourselves an excitement in living which had been missing before.—JOSEPHINE LOWMAN, syndicated col.

KINDNESS—27

An act of kindness, like an engagement diamond, needn't be big to attract a lot of attention.—THE COUNTRY PARSON, *Register-Tribune Syndicate*.

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I'm dreaming of a white Christmas;

I can't think of anything greater

Than a new white washer, a white range

And a white refrigerator.—

SUZANNE DOUGLASS. 28

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LAZINESS—29

Sometimes it seems like the world is too full of folks who won't work for a living until after they've given everything else a fair trial.—P-K *Sideliner*, hm, Peter Kuntz Co.

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LEISURE—30

Leisure is what you make it. It may be your greatest blessing or your greatest curse. You determine its quality, and its quality determines you. In the old era, the job determined the worker. In the new era, leisure determines the man.—WALTER B PITKIN, *Recreation*.

LIFE—Living—31

You may bring to your office, and put in a frame, a motto as fine as its paint, but if you're a crook when you're playing the game, that motto won't make you a saint. You can stick up the placards all over the wall, but here is the word I announce: It is not the motto that hangs on the wall, but the motto you live that counts. If the motto says, "Smile," and you carry a frown; "Do it now," and you linger and wait; if the motto says "Help," and you trample men down; if the motto says "Love," and you hate—you won't get away with the mottoes you stall, for truth will come forth with a bounce. It is not the motto that hangs on the wall, but the motto you live, that counts.—*Kalends*.

MARRIAGE—32

If 25 yrs from now wedding rings for males become universal, and I think they will, the wearing of a wedding ring by the man will have no more significance than the wearing of a wrist watch. . . . But at no time does a wedding ring alone make a marriage for either the man or the woman.—Dr BLAKE CRIDER, prof of psychology, Fenn College, Cleveland.

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In a good marriage you don't talk much about love but you show it hourly.—*Ihre Freundin*, Karlsruhe (QUOTE translation).

MEDICINE—33

The benefit you get from medicine may depend partly on your confidence in the doctor who gives it. So indicate studies by Dr Edw F Domino of the Univ of Michigan Medical Center. He says: "About one third the effectiveness of many modern drugs still depends upon the personality of the physician. If a patient desperately wants relief and trusts his physician, he sometimes can get as much relief from a sugar tablet as from a drug."—*U S News & World Report*.

MODERN AGE—34

The envy of the neighborhood is the man who had so many automatic conveniences in his house that he had to add a spare room for the serviceman. — *Changing Times*.

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Our age has power, but lacks peace; has bombs, but lacks beliefs; has jets, but lacks justice; has strength, but lacks security; has masters of logistics, but lacks masters of love.—*Christian Advocate*.

PERFECTION—35

It is said that while Leonardo da Vinci was creating *The Last Supper*, he would stand for 2 hrs or more, just looking at his work. He would view it from different perspectives, in different lights. He would carry the unfinished painting in his mind, letting his subconscious work on it, while he was away from it. Often the master painter would rush thru the streets, mount the scaffold, add just a touch or two, and rush away again. But each touch was the touch of genius.—*Highways of Happiness*.

POLITICIANS—36

A lot of mileage is being put in by a dozen politicians who refuse to admit they are 1960 candidates. To their credit, however, no one of them, when confronted with the question whether he is running for Pres, has pleaded the Fifth amendment. — *Burlington (Iowa) Hawk-Eye Gazette*.

POPULATION—37

College grads are now marrying at a much earlier age than their parents, having children much sooner, having more children, spacing them closer together, and completing their families earlier than their parents. — *Population Reference Bureau report*.

RELIGION—38

God is an orderly being. We recognize this in the realm of nature. We do not expect God to grow our crops unless we learn and obey the laws of soil and seed. We do not pray for divine levitation to lift us across the river; we master the laws of gravitation and structure and fling our bridge across the flood. We have railroads and automobiles and airplanes and automation and Univacs today because thru the centuries we have little by little discovered God's regularities and cooperated with them. We have scientific medicine and surgery and their vast contribution to health and life because we have realized our role in discovery and obedience. —ALBERT EDW DAY, *Existence Under God* (Abingdon Press).

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RESOLUTIONS—39

The weakness of New Year resolutions is that they reach too far, says Dr Paul Calvin Payne. They violate the principle that life, for the most part, has to be lived a day at a time. Good resolutions are hard enough to keep without needlessly making them harder. Where these resolutions are the beginning of new habits, it is better to make them every morning. It is easier to keep them for a day. If one fails 50 days during the yr, the score is still 315 to 50. One stays on the winning side. How much better than to make a resolution for the yr, and after the 1st lapse to say: "Well, that is out. One more resolution gone!" If we really mean business, *every morning* is a new beginning, not merely every New Year's Day.—*Highways of Happiness*.

REVOLUTION—40

Laws just or unjust may govern men's actions. Tyrannies may restrain or regulate their words. The mach'y of propaganda may pack their minds with falsehood and deny them truth for many generations of time. But the soul of man thus held in trance or frozen in a long night can be awakened by a spark coming from God knows where and in a moment the whole structure of lies and oppression is on trial for its life. — WINSTON CHURCHILL, British statesman.

SERVICE—to Others—41

There isn't a soul alive who doesn't know in his heart that the

greatest satisfaction always comes from love for and service to others. And yet, fools that we are, we envy and hate and despise and deceive. We pity when we should love. We resent and begrudge when we should respect and admire. We are sick in our heads, fascinated by gossip and drool, venerating mediocrity, scorning truth and light. A craftsman these days is a weirdie. Integrity is for squares; tradition, for the birds. But, y'know, to each of us there comes eventually a moment of truth, by the brilliant light of which the answers to many questions become remarkably clear. Long life is a privilege denied to many; but life of any length is an opportunity to share in the marvel of creation. Even if we do nothing but sit there and rot, we enrich the soil, in spite of ourselves.—ARTHUR GODFREY, "I'm Thankful I'm Alive," *McCall's*, 11-'59.

SPACE AGE—42

No matter how advanced, automatic, and systematized the (missile-testing) operation becomes, the human element remains. To help get a rocket off the ground some of the missilemen curse at it; others pray for it. Several have pet superstitions. One colorful Canaveralite always wears cowboy clothes on the day of a shoot. Another blockhouse engineer always takes off his shoes during the last part of a countdown. Technicians preparing satellite capsules sometimes add their own sentiments. "Love lifted me" was the message written on one space capsule. "Follow the gleam" was printed on another.—ROB'T SANFORD, "An Upward Looking Town," *Bee-Hive*, United Aircraft Corp'n, Fall, '59.

Quote

SPEECH—43

A film actor was disappointed at not being asked to make a speech on the occasion of his retirement from films. As he said to a friend, "What makes it worse is that I spent 3 hrs in the makeup dept having a lump put in my throat."
—*Indianapolis Star*.

SPORTS—Hunting—44

Hunting is called The Sport of Kings, because any Nimrod's wife knows that a bird in the hand is worth about \$20 a lb.—EUGENE P BERTIN, *Pennsylvania School Jnl*.

SUCCESS—45

A great univ pres, asked for an explanation of his success, repl'd, "I am intensely interested."—SIEBOLT FRIESWYK, editorial, *Recreation*.

TEACHERS—46

Truly fine teachers of all times have the same characteristics. Indeed, today as in the past, the only reliable marks of great teaching personalities are the rich qualities of their interior selves.—HOWARD K HOLLAND, "Interior Marks of Great Teachers," *Clearing House*, 11-'59.

TEAMWORK—47

No man or woman is able to function very long merely upon the individual's own efforts and activities. *Teamwork gets us where we want to go in life*.—THOS J CROAFF, Jr, "Mystics Also Must Face Life," *Rosicrucian Digest*, 11-'59.

TELEVISION—48

Television is the worst enemy of book reading. I suggest that a survey would show that most book reading today is done in bed, or in the breakfast nook, or out on the

porch. The point I started to make is this: The noise of tv prevents concentrated reading near the heart of most modern homes. A person often doesn't have a simple choice to make between watching tv and reading a book. If one mbr of a family of 7 decides to watch tv, that effectively discourages the other 6 from undertaking sustained reading. The modern home needs either some soundproofing or tv sets equipped with earphones.—VANCE PACKARD, addressing ABA Convention on "Books & Culture Status Symbols."

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"Please print your name," the coupon reads,
Which I consider just a hint
That someone knows the way I
write—
But wait till he sees how I
print!—STEPHEN SCHLITZER.

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WORK—50

Work that tests one to capacity is man's best tonic—provided it is directed toward some end the worker deems important.—LESTER MONDALE, "Ethical Religion and the Personal Life," *Ethical Outlook*, 11/12-'59.

WORLD RELATIONS—51

Discussions between East and West sometimes resemble conversations between someone who can't talk and someone who doesn't want to hear.—KRISHNA MENON, politician in India, quoted in *Weitwoche*, Zurich (QUOTE translation).

Quote

GOOD STORIES

you can use...



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Seeing the sheriff, who had been sent by the landlord to serve a summons for past-due rent, coming down the garden path, Jones barred and locked his door, and prepared to hold the fort at all costs.

The sheriff knocked twice, and when there was no response, he pushed the summons under the door.

Immediately Jones blew it back outside with a bellows.

Again the sheriff pushed it under and again Jones sent it back.

This happened several times until the sheriff finally picked up the summons and said to his deputy: "Come on, let's take this back to the landlord. I wouldn't pay any rent either if I had to live in a drafty old house like that."—*Balance Sheet.* a

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The pres of Ohio State Univ tells this story on himself: He had just completed his address before a certain civic organization and was receiving the usual commendations when presently a young lad approached and said, "That was lousy." Rather nonplussed, the speaker turned to the man next to him, who hurriedly explained that the boy wasn't quite bright and on-ly repeated what he heard other folks say.—Mrs RALPH W PETERS, *Rotarian.* b

Quote

I Laughed At This One

M L LAYNE LEHMAN

The pastor of our church was a hometown boy who had studied in Rome, and the enchantment of Italy never wore off.

To those too feeble to come to church, the tall, portly cleric was a faithful visitor. Such a mission brought him to see my mother. We were sitting on a porch facing the West. A brilliant gold and mauve sunset prompted Msgr to say, "The most beautiful sunsets I've ever seen were in Rome." None of the adults tried to top this. My 6-yr-old son assumed the family honors fell to him. What bit of family travel lore could he proffer?

With that heart-tugging dignity and naivete peculiar to little boys, he said, "You should smell the skunks in Colorado."

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A man was moving along a dimly lighted street when a stranger slipped from the shadows and stopped him.

"What do you want?" asked the man nervously.

"Would you be so kind," said the stranger plaintively, "as to help a poor unfortunate fellow who is hungry and out of work? All I have in the world is this gun!"—*Seng Fellowship News*, hm, Seng Co. c

.....Quote-able QUTPS.....

A patient in the doctor's office was listing his complaints to the nurse. "I've got a bad case of arthritis," he enumerated, "there's a buzzing in my ear, my ankle is sprained, I see spots in front of my eyes, and I've thrown my thumb out of joint."

"You must be awfully healthy," repl'd the nurse, "to stand all the pain."—STEVE ALLEN, *Parade*. d

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Winter will blow in officially on Dec 22, which allows mention of the woman in Maine who decided to mail some snow to an old friend in Florida. "But the snow will be gone long' before the package gets to Florida," her husband pointed out.

"Nonsense," she said. "Who'd steal a little bit of snow?"—HUGH SCOTT, *Today*. e

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"I've been racking my brains, but I can't place you," one man said to another at a social gathering. "And you look very much like somebody I have seen a lot—somebody I don't like but I can't tell you why. Isn't that strange?"

"Nothing strange about it," the other man said. "You have seen me a lot and I know why you resent me. For 2 yrs I passed the collection plate in your church."—JOE MCCARTHY, *American Wkly*. f

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Did you hear about the little old lady who bought 1,500 lbs of steel wool? Seems she's going to knit herself one of those midget automobiles.—*Wkly Animator*, Alexander Film Co. g

Santa Claus comes down the chimney Dec 24th, and he goes thru the roof on the 1st of the month.—

HAROLD COFFIN.

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Some people's idea of celebrating the holidays is to have a Christmas they'll never forget and a New Yr's they can't remember.—MAURICE SEITZER.

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An outdoor man is a fellow who hammers on the radiator for more heat while he is dressing to go skiing.—JACK HERBERT.

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An expert skier is one who knows what's good for frost-bite on top of chilblains over a broken ankle.—DAN BENNETT.

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Our money talks today as if it were about exhausted.—CY N PEACE.

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An opportunist is the chap who keeps up with the Japones by selling them new cars.—PEP MEALIFFE.

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By the time a man learns where to throw his weight, about all he can do is to carry it.—REX MOBLEY.

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After Sec'y Flemming threw that bombshell into the cranberry holiday festival, friends of Santa Claus expressed the hope that he won't accuse Donner and Blitzen of having hoof and mouth disease.—Advertising Age.

Quote

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Richard Armour



Teaser

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has decreed, in a 17-page ruling, that the movements of strip-tease artists are not guaranteed forms of expression under the U S Constitution.—News item.

The Constitution covers much
But not, it seems, the stripper,
Who keeps uncovering with touch
Of button, hook, and zipper.

The Founding Fathers were aware
Of fundamental stringency,
Yet could not, after all, prepare
For every new contingency.

They never saw a girlie show,
And, though you now may scoff,
They never, in bald-headed row,
Yelled loudly, "Take 'em off!"

They thought expression was the
word
Made clear by pen or lips.
To them, it seems, had not occurred
The language of the hips.

So Pennsylvania judges find
Interpretation needing,
And write a ruling we're inclined
To think well worth our reading.

Quote

Oil had been struck on land owned by a church and after paying off the debt the church voted that the remainder be divided among the membership. Forthwith a mbr of the congregation arose and said loudly: "I make a motion that we take in no new members!"
—ALLEN M TROUT, *Louisville Courier-Jnl.* h

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A big Texan visiting Los Angeles, where he spent several hrs daily in a brokerage office, became annoyed because whenever he left his seat for a few min's somebody else immediately grabbed it.

Finally one day, as the Texan got up, a regular board-room habitue sitting next to him said, "Better put something on your chair so nobody will sit down there while you're gone," and he pointed to a number of seats on which their occupants had placed some piece of personal property—a hat, book, pipe and tobacco — to keep them reserved.

"Much obliged, pardner," said the Texan. He reached into his coat pocket, pulled out something and placed it on the chair. "Reckon that'll do it."

As the Texan walked off, the man in the adjoining chair looked at the object deposited on the vacant seat and his eyes popped. It was a roll of bills bigger than a Texan's fist.—DON CARLE GILLETTE, *Wall St Jnl.* 1

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Once when Dean Briggs of Harvard and Edw Everett Hale were going to a game, a friend asked, "Where are you going, Dean?" With a meaning smile, the Dean ans'd, "To yell with Hale." — EUGENE P BERTIN, *Pennsylvania School Jnl.* j

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SECOND CLASS MATTER

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More ideas for last minute Christmas gifts: There's a new "picture window" umbrella which provides clear vision in traffic. It's made of heavy, crack-resistant vinyl plastic which shakes dry without dripping. It has a gold-finish steel frame and plastic handle, comes with a gold press-on initial for personalizing. Rain bonnet in plastic pouch is attached to the handle chain. \$4.95. It should be available in stores, or write *Bradford's, Box 535 PA, Englewood, N J.*

No matter what your attitude toward the cranberry scare, the cranberry scoop remains an interesting item. Newest version is a record

rack copied from an old scoop. Made of pine, it's 5" high, 14" wide and 8½" deep—will hold 50 lp albums. It can also be used for mags. \$12.95 plus 75c postage from *Leslie Creations, Lafayette Hill, Pa.*

One of our correspondents tells us about something else for the man who has everything: the "Boombass," a one-man dance band anyone can play without lessons. Tambourine, cymbals, drum, Chinese sound box. \$39.95—check your music store. (Our correspondent adds that if the man is in one's household, last yr's gold toothpick would be a nice, quiet, albeit old-fashioned thought.)

